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SUBJ: INDOCHINESE REFUGEES : THE "AMERICAN MAIN"

HONG KONG FOR INS/DIDIR FELDMAN

REF STATE 143086 (NOTAL)

1. AGENTS FOR THE UNITED STATES LINES HAVE NOTIFIED THE LOCAL UNHCR OFFICE THAT THEIR SHIP THE "AMERICAN MAIN" IS DUE INTO BANGKOK ON DECEMBER 1 AT 1800 HOURS LOCAL TIME. IT HAS 29 VIETNAMESE REFUGEES ON BOARD. THE SHIP IS SCHEDULED OUT NLT 1800 HOURS DECEMBER 2. ENROUTE TO HONG KONG.

2. A UNCHR OFFICIAL WILL INTERVIEW THE REFUGEES THIS EVENING AND HAVE BIOS AVAILABLE THE MORING OF DECEMBER 2 FOR THE REFUGEE SECTION TO EVALUATE AGAINST I PP-77 CRITERIA.

3. THE SHIP'S AGENT ADVISES THAT THE "AMERICAN
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MAIN", ALTHOUGH U.S. OWNED, IS LIBERIAN REGISTERED.

4. THE THAI ARE UNLIKELY TO ALLOW ANY OF THE 29 REFUGEES TO LAND WITHOUT A GUARANTEE OF DEPARTURE FOR RESETTLEMENT ABROAD WITHIN A SHORT PERIOD, PROBABLY 30 DAYS. REFTEL STATES, IN PART, "OBLIGATION TO PROVIDE GUARANTEE RESTS WITH COUNTRY OF REGISTRY OF SHIP

IF AUTHORITIES AT PORTS OF CALL REFUSE TO PERMIT
REFUGEES TO DISEMBARK WITHOUT ASSURANCES" LIBERIA
DOES NOT HAVE AN EMBASSY IN BANGKOK, AND WE ARE UNABLE,
AS YET, TO FIND OUT WHO MAY REPRESENT LIBERIAN
INTERESTS HERE. FURTHER, PORTS OF CALL FOR THE
"AMERICAN MAIN" SEEM TO BE LIMITED TO BANGKOK, HONG
KONG, AND SINGAPORE. IT IS A SHUTTLE CARRIER OF CON-
TAINERS FROM HONG KONG AND SINGAPORE. IT IS DUE BACK IN
BANGKOK DECEMBER 16 AND AGAIN DECEMBER 28.

5. FOR DEPARTMENT: GIVEN SITUATION WE BELIEVE WE SHOULD
ACCEPT ALL REFUGEES ABOARD THE "AMERICAN MAIN" THAT OTHER COUNTRIES
DO NOT VOUCH FOR AND WHO ARE NOT OTHERWISE IN-
ADMISSIBLE. INS OFFICER BRANAGAN IS SCHEDULED TO
RETURN TO BANGKOK FROM SONGKHLA DECEMBER 2, AND
CAN PROCESS THEM. NEED DEPARTMENT'S RESPONSE NO
LATER THAN 1200 HOURS LOCAL. DECEMBER 2.

6. FOR HONG KONG: SUGGEST USING A SHARE OF THE IPP-77
NUMBERS ALLOTTED FOR KLONG YAI PER HONG KONG 14727.
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